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MIGRATION TO JEWISH AO AND GOLODNAYA STEPPE

KHABAROVSK PROVIDES FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 46, 25 Feb 49

A large number of immigrants arrived in Khabarovsk Krai in 1947 and were sent to work in rayons subordinate to the krai and to the Jewish Autonomous Oblast where they have become well assimilated into the life of the region. The family of Vladimir Sandier, who in 1948 emigrated to the Kolkhoz imeni Kirov, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, is a good example of the achievements and opportunities of the new arrivals. Sandier's family worked 1,114 work days in 1948 and received 66 pud of grain, 5 pud of honey, 3 pud of vegetable oil, and 8,000 rubles as income for the year. The Sandier family also has a house with a radio and good furniture. The Obluchenskiy Rayon Executive Committee (chairman, Shumelinskiy) and a number of village Soviets have made notable efforts in caring for the needs of immigrants.

There are still many defects in this program throughout the kray. A number of rayons, particularly Birobidzhanskiy, imeni Iazo, and Khabarovskiy Rural Rayons, have not built sufficient housing accommodations for immigrants. Construction of immigrant housing in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast is not progressing satisfactorily. Local kolkhozes were scheduled to complete 79 houses in 1948 and finished only 23. Levitin, chairman of the Jewish Autonomous Oblast Executive Committee, and Sheynin, chief of the immigration department, have not taken the responsibility for the failure of the Birobidzhian Woodworking Combine to meet the monthly plans for standard house-building.

The flow of immigrants to the Far East in 1949 is to be increased several times over last year. A considerable number will be sent to Kamchatka and Nizhne-Amur Oblast. Party and Soviet organizations are responsible for providing for their essential needs.

Logging must be stepped up to ensure an extensive housing-construction program. The logging program is progressing extremely slowly at present. Kolkhozes and sections of the Kray "Pereaselenstroy" (Immigrants' Construction) Office are scheduled to log 44,000 cubic meters of timber this season, and have actually logged less than 8,000. Urgent measures must be taken by immigration departments and executive committees to speed logging for immigrant needs.

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SETTLEMENT OF COLODNAYA STEPPE CONTINUES -- Pravda Vostoka, No 33, 18 Feb 49

Migration to the Golodnaya Steppe by Komsomols and young people is continuing. Forty-two young cotton workers and mechanics in Gzhduvanskiy Rayon have expressed the wish to settle there. Nearly 500 applications to move to the Golodnaya Steppe have been received from Komsomols and young people in Shafrikan-skiy, Alatskiy, and Kzyl-Tepinskiy rayons. The first contingent of settlers will soon arrive in Begovatskiy Rayon.

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